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SUPERVISOR ROMO WEST, COLLEAGUES HELP TO COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Resolution directs building awareness of human trafficking within Milwaukee County

Milwaukee – The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously today to approve a resolution by Supervisors Peggy A. Romo West, District 12, Jason Haas, District 14, and David Bowen, District 10, to authorize and to direct the posting of signage bearing the National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline number in county facilities.

The resolution requires posting in Milwaukee County buildings frequented by the public, such as the courthouse complex, the Marcia P. Coggins Center, senior centers and community recreational facilities in the hopes it may provide human trafficking outreach to victims and awareness to the public.

“Human trafficking is a crime that often goes underreported due to its covert nature, misconceptions about its definition and a lack of awareness about its indicators on the local level,” Supervisor Romo West. “Milwaukee County has taken a bold step in combatting human trafficking, and I am very grateful for the support of my co-sponsors, colleagues and County departments on this matter.”

The Milwaukee County Human Trafficking Task Force is currently preparing a report containing recommendations for reducing human trafficking and for educating the public on its signs and effects. The report is expected to be presented at the Judiciary, Safety and General Services Committee meeting on Thursday, October 18, 2012.

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